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Farmers Markets TOOLKIT

Subject:

Health Guidance for Certified Farmers Markets in Long Beach to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

To:

Organizers/Operators of Certified Farmers Markets in the City of Long Beach

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is asking for your assistance to help prevent the spread of the recent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). You can take part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Many of them infect animals, but some coronaviruses from animals can evolve (change) and infect humans, then spread from person-to-person. Diseases from coronaviruses in people typically cause mild to moderate illness, like the common cold. Information to date shows this new virus causes symptoms consistent with a respiratory illness, such as cough, fever, and, in some, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

How are coronaviruses spread?

Like other respiratory illnesses, such as influenza, human coronaviruses most commonly spread to others from an infected person who has symptoms through:

- Droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes
- Close personal contact, such as caring for an infected person
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

What is a Certified Farmers Market?

“Certified farmers market” means a location that is certified by the State of California and the County Agricultural Commissioners to sell agricultural products. Only agricultural products such as fruits, vegetables, honey, CDFA certified eggs, and other applicable agricultural products are allowed at Certified Farmers Market. *Temporary Food Facilities such as prepackaged food and unpackaged prepared foods are not Certified Farmers Markets but are separate community events that are **not** defined as an Essential Business, and therefore cannot operate in the current Order of the Health Officer.*

Recommended strategies to prevent exposures to respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 at Farmers Markets:

- Space booths and displayed items apart to increase social distancing in line and while walking the market.
- Ensure social distancing of a minimum of six feet between non-family members. Use markers to delineate six feet between customers. (i.e. tape on the floor spaced 6 feet apart, “stop here” signs).
- Limit the number of customers allowed at any given time as necessary to reduce indoor/outdoor overcrowding and lines to meet social distancing.

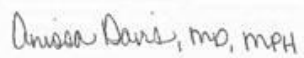


- Increase routine cleaning and disinfecting on all frequently touched surfaces, such as tables, payment devices, tables and countertops. Use the [CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance](#) to clean and disinfect.
- Remove all public self-serve items (such as plastic bags, etc.) and prevent public contact with these items to deter the spread of the virus.
- Remind employees to increase the frequency of handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Provide gloves or produce bags for patrons to cover hands while selecting produce to minimize customer bare hand contact. Provide waste containers for discarding used gloves.
- Provide hand washing stations or hand sanitizer at least 60-95% alcohol for patrons in an area that encourages washing/sanitizing prior to shopping.
- Do not offer food samples.

Farmers market organizers/operators can call 562-570-4129 with additional questions. We encourage you to visit the Long Beach COVID-19 webpage for additional resources: www.longbeach.gov/COVID19.

We appreciate your commitment and dedication to keeping the City of Long Beach healthy.

Regards,



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NOTICE

Maintain Social Distancing

